## Patent claims

- 1. A surgical instrument with a pulling or pushing element for actuating at least one jaw part, wherein the pulling or pushing element is assigned at least one bar.
- 2. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 1, wherein two bars are connected to one another.
- 3. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 2, wherein the two bars are connected via at least one connecting bridge, a clamping ring, a guide rivet or the like.
- 4. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 1, wherein, at least on one side, the pulling or pushing instrument is supported against a bar via at least one spacer.
- 5. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bars and the pulling or pushing element are located in a removable protective tube.
- 6. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 5, wherein an outwardly directed outer contour of the bars is shaped to match an inner surface of the tube.
- 7. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 5, wherein the protective tube is made of plastic.
- 8. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 1, wherein the end of at least one bar is connected to a jaw part in a hinged manner.
- 9. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 8, wherein the end of the bar has a bead which engages in a groove in the jaw part, said groove turning partially about the bead.

- 10. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 8, wherein an end of the bar before the bead is designed to be elastic.
- 11. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 8, wherein the jaw parts are connected to one another at their ends via a hinge pin.
- 12. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 11, wherein the pulling or pushing element engages on the hinge pin.
- 13. A surgical instrument with a pulling or pushing element for actuating at least one jaw part, wherein the pulling or pushing element engages with a bead in a groove in the jaw part, and the jaw part engages with a rotating end into a recess in the other jaw part and rotates with the end in this recess.
- 14. The surgical instrument as claimed in claim 13, wherein the rotating end has an abutment tip which bears against an inner wall of the recess.